

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 141

Introduced by Assembly Member La Malfa
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Wolk)
(Coauthor: Senator Machado)

May 22, 2008

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 141—Relative to the CHP Officer Andrew “Andy” Stevens Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 141, as introduced, La Malfa. CHP Officer Andrew “Andy” Stevens Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the northwest corner of the intersection at County Road 98 and State Highway Route 16 in Yolo County, along with the northbound off ramp of Interstate 505 and State Highway Route 16, as the CHP Officer Andrew “Andy” Stevens Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Andrew
- 2 “Andy” Todd Stevens was born February 25, 1968, in Sacramento,
- 3 California; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Andy Stevens attended Kohler Elementary School
- 5 in North Highlands. He then attended Carmichael Baptist Academy
- 6 where he graduated from high school in 1986. Following high
- 7 school, he attended American River College and Sacramento City

1 College where he studied criminal justice. Law enforcement was
2 his career of choice; and

3 WHEREAS, In May 1994, Andy Stevens was selected for the
4 position of Cadet at the CHP Academy. Upon graduation, CHP
5 Officer Stevens was assigned to road patrol in Baldwin Park. Later,
6 he worked in San Jose, Golden Gate Communications Center,
7 Golden Gate Division, and the Woodland area. In May 2002, he
8 found his true calling and was assigned as a Commercial Officer
9 in Valley Division, serving the Sacramento area; and

10 WHEREAS, While working in Woodland, CHP Officer Stevens
11 met an Emergency Medical Technician named Michelle, who was
12 working for American Medical Response Ambulance Company.
13 They were married on October 20, 2002, at Lake Tahoe; and

14 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Stevens loved to travel. He and
15 Michelle visited locations all over the world, including a very
16 memorable trip to Europe. While in Europe, they rented a
17 Harley-Davidson motorcycle and rode through Germany. Their
18 love of motorcycles also led them to take a three-week ride to
19 Milwaukee to celebrate the 100 Year Anniversary of
20 Harley-Davidson in 2003; and

21 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Stevens was a blessing to his family
22 and friends. He planned annual neighborhood campouts and was
23 the driving force for many in his cul-de-sac to buy motorcycles.
24 CHP Officer Stevens could always be counted on to help out. He
25 was deeply involved in his local church. He always demonstrated
26 strong dedication, love, and commitment to family, friends, and
27 the community; and

28 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Stevens' life was packed with
29 achievements. He was the Director of the Auburn Chapter of the
30 Harley Owners Group and was instrumental in organizing and
31 coordinating numerous charitable events. He was in his second
32 year of organizing the Annual Toy Run in Auburn, which raises
33 toys for over 1,000 disadvantaged children in the community; and

34 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Stevens was killed on November 17,
35 2005, in a felonious assault while working road patrol near State
36 Highway Route 16 in rural Yolo County. CHP Officer Stevens
37 had initiated a traffic stop for a Vehicle Code violation and
38 approached the violator's vehicle when he was suddenly and
39 ruthlessly shot by the driver. The driver fled the scene and was
40 apprehended less than 12 hours later. CHP Officer Stevens was

1 laid to rest in Sacramento County after a ceremony attended by
2 thousands of mourners, including his fellow officers, friends, and
3 family; and

4 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Stevens is survived by his beloved
5 wife Michelle, his parents John and Patricia Stevens, mother-in-law
6 Kathleen, his brother Mark and sister-in-law Nahrain,
7 brother-in-law Ezaria, nieces Jessica and Alyssa, and nephew
8 Michael, and his basset hounds, Abby and Rocky; and

9 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Stevens' absence will be felt
10 throughout the CHP and the law enforcement community for years
11 to come. The loss of such a caring and giving person is a loss not
12 just to family, friends, and coworkers, but is truly a loss to the
13 entire community and state that CHP Officer Stevens served; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
17 portion of the northwest corner of the intersection at County Road
18 98 and State Highway Route 16 in Yolo County, along with the
19 northbound off ramp of Interstate 505 and State Highway Route
20 16, as the CHP Officer Andrew "Andy" Stevens Memorial
21 Highway; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
23 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
24 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
25 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
26 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
27 further

28 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
29 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
30 author for appropriate distribution.

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